(*c*) Proper accounts for the income and expenditure are reported to be maintained in the Municipality.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): In regard to the answer to question (*a*), may I know what the extent of these delays is?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is reported that there was no misappropriation, but there were delays. I have not got full information and I shall call for it.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Are Government aware that the collections made in 1097 and 1098 were not brought into the accounts in 1098 or 1099?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government enquire as to the extent of the delays?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government enquire whether the amounts were not really misappropriated?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Checking of Furniture in Railway Stations.

74. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are in the habit of checking the furniture and other conveniences provided by the S. I. R. Coy., for the use of travellers in the railway stations within Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The checking of furniture, etc., at railway stations is not done by the Government.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether the Government keep a list of the furniture supplied to each of the railway stations within Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not keep a list.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Has any complaint been made with respect to the absence of the necessary furniture in the railway stations in Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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[President.]

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Have the Government considered such complaints ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The attention of the Railway Company has been drawn to these complaints.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government consider the necessity of checking the supply of furniture to each of the railway stations ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe the checking of furniture is an item of work connected with the internal administration of the railway. I do not know whether we shall be justified in interfering with it.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is not the convenience of the passengers a matter for the consideration of Government ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): If complaints are made in that respect, will the Government take into consideration the complaints of the various passengers affected ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, the attention of the Company will be drawn to the complaints.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): If the Railway Company fail to do the needful in the matter, what is the course open to passengers to redress the grievance ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Passengers can also represent their grievance to the company.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is it the position of Government that they themselves should not take the question into consideration ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government can strongly press the question on the attention of the Company.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government see that they themselves also occasionally check the furniture supplied to the various stations ?

PRESIDENT: Check it in the sense that the furniture supply is adequate and meets the convenience of passengers—is that what you mean ?

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Not in that sense, but in the sense that the supply made in the various stations is actually there.

PRESIDENT : That is auditing.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Auditing and inspecting.

PRESIDENT : That is a matter which will have to be examined with reference to the terms of the agreement.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the agreement with the Railway Company permit the interference on the part of the Government at least to check the furniture supply in the various stations ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that unless I minutely examine the agreement.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be so good as to go into the agreement to see whether they have the power to do that ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 67.

Statement of work done by the Forest Utilisation Officer.

(1) He has corresponded with several timber trading firms in Calcutta, Bombay and other places with a view to find out the demand and the market rates of our timber.

(2) He has visited the timber yards in Madura, Tinnevelly and other places to find out whether better prices could be obtained for our *kongu* materials and other species available in our depôts.

(3) He has conducted a valuation of the bamboo and reed forests round about Punalur with a view to supplying materials for paper pulp manufacture.

(4) He has examined the forests and hills of the Vandanmet and Puppara Ranges with a view to see whether the installation of a wire shoot at Ramakkal Mettu is a profitable proposition.

(5) He has collected statistics *re.* export of minor forest produce from Travancore.

(6) He has experimented on leaves of *Bauhinia Malabarica* to see if they could be used for making *beedis*, etc.

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